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Murder Charges Filed for Double Fatal Crash on 605 Freeway

A Norwalk man was charged today with killing two people and injuring others in a DUI crash on the 605 Freeway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Alex Barragan (dob 8/27/86) faces two counts of murder and one count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI offense.

Case VA148224 includes allegations of causing great bodily injury and having a blood alcohol content of .20 or more.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department 4 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Bellflower Branch.

On July 16, Barragan was allegedly driving his car on the freeway near Alondra Boulevard when he rear ended a disabled van, prosecutors said. The van erupted in flames and two people died and three others were injured, prosecutors added.

If convicted as charged, Barragan faces a possible maximum sentence of 44 years to life in state prison.

Bail is scheduled at more than \$2.19 million.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, Santa Fe Springs Area.

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